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SECRETARY OF THE STATE BYSIEWICZ CONGRATULATES CORNWALL FOR HIGHEST VOTER TURNOUT

More than 73 percent turnout for last week's primary

CORNWALL – Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz today congratulated the town of Cornwall for having the best voter turnout in the August 8th Democratic primary among the small towns in Connecticut, as well as the top percentage turnout overall in Connecticut. More than seventy-three percent of all registered Democrats participated in the primary in Cornwall on August 8th, when a record forty-three percent of all Democrats statewide took part.

"I want to congratulate the citizens of Cornwall for doing such a great job of getting out to the polls last week. Nearly three out of every four registered Democrats voted in the primary; that is an extremely impressive number," Secretary Bysiewicz said. "Voting is the most precious civil right that we possess, and it is our responsibility as Americans to cast our ballot for those candidates that best represent our beliefs and views.

"Voting is also a wonderful way to say 'thank you' to the more than 300,000 military veterans living in Connecticut, as well as the hundreds of Connecticut troops fighting right now in the War on Terror to protect new democracies in Iraq and Afghanistan," Secretary Bysiewicz added.

Voter participation last week reached levels never before seen in statewide primaries, with more than forty-three percent of all registered Democrats – 287,000 people in all – voting in the primary. Secretary Bysiewicz said this shattered the previous record of 38.8 percent set in a 1970 three-way Democratic primary for U.S. Senate. Of the 169 Connecticut municipalities, ninety-nine of them had a voter turnout of higher than forty percent, she added.

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